These charges are only allegations which may be contested by the licensee in an Administrative hearing.

NEW YORK STATE	DEPARTME	NT OF HEALTH
STATE BOARD FOR	PROFESSIONAL MED	ICAL CONDUCT

IN THE MATTER

OF

REX MATHEW, M.D.

**STATEMENT** 

OF

CHARGES

REX MATHEW, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on or about April 25, 2014, by the issuance of license number 274821 by the New York State Education Department.

## **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- A. On or about April 4, 2018, the New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners (hereinafter, "New Jersey Board") by Final Consent Order, indefinitely suspended Respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery pending a demonstration of fitness and until further order of the New Jersey Board. Prior to any restoration of his license, Respondent must, including but not limited to, participate in the Professional Assistance Program (hereinafter "PAP) in New Jersey or a comparable program if Respondent resides in another state, comply with a substance abuse program, abstain from the use of all psychoactive substances, including alcohol and medications, comply with random drug screens, establish his fitness, competence, and capacity to re-enter the active practice of medicine in New Jersey, and provide the New Jersey Board with evidence that he is capable of discharging the functions of a licensee in a manner consistent with the public's health, safety, and welfare. This disciplinary action was based on findings that Respondent tested positive for amphetamines in February 2016 and for opiates in June 2016 and Respondent was engaged in a drug use in a manner likely to impair his ability to practice his profession with reasonable skill and safety.
- B. The Conduct resulting in the New Jersey Board's disciplinary action against Respondent would constitute misconduct under the laws of New York State pursuant to the following Section of New York State Law:

1. New York Education Law § 6530(8) (Being a habitual abuser of alcohol, or being dependent on or a habitual user of narcotics, barbiturates, amphetamines, hallucinogens, or other drugs having similar effects).

## SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES HAVING HAD DISCIPLINARY ACTION TAKEN

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(9)(d) by having his or her license to practice medicine revoked, suspended or having other disciplinary action taken, or having his or her application for a license refused, revoked or suspended or having voluntarily or otherwise surrendered his or her license after a disciplinary action was instituted by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state, where the conduct resulting in the revocation, suspension or other disciplinary action involving the license or refusal, revocation or suspension of an application for a license or the surrender of the license would, if committed in New York state, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York state (namely N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(8)) as alleged in the facts of the following:

1. The facts in Paragraphs A and B and B1.

DATE: May 15, 2018

Albany, New York

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Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct